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4. The Commission should NOT diminish new low-power stations to "secondary status." It would be a tragedy to take away licenses from low-power community stations just because the Commission subsequently granted a power increase to a pre-existing station or granted a new high power license somewhere nearby.
5. The Commission should grant full amnesty for the microbroadcast pioneers who have suffered government seizure and fines. Their property should be returned. They should be granted equal opportunity in applying for and receiving new licenses.
6. Problems, technical or otherwise, should be referred to the local voluntary micropower organization for assistance or mediation (e.g. the Ham radio model). The FCC should be the forum of last resort.
7. LPFM must be protected and maintained in the future as radio makes the transition from analog to digital broadcasting.
8. If the FCC intends to license some commercial stations, they must be licensed last. In this instance, there should be a 2 year "headstart" for non-commercial licenses. The right of citizens to communicate is protected by the Constitution and the FCC's mandate. The right to make money through local radio is not a protection under the FCC's mandate.
9. Stations should be locally programmed. However recorded materials such as music, poetry, documentaries, features etc. may be used. Sharing of program materials and resources among micro and community stations is strongly encouraged. No more than 20%

of air time from off-site feeds or syndicated tapes.

10. Licenses should be awarded to unincorporated non-commercial associations, and non-profit organizations.

11. Within two years new spectrum space (including any future digital spectrum space) should be allocated for continued expansion of microradio broadcasters so that any community group that wishes to broadcast has access to available spectrum space (frequencies). Further, all manufacturers of consumer radio receivers for sale in the United States should be required to include this spectrum set aside for microradio broadcasters.

12. Licensing fees should be affordable to all communities.

Again, we commend Chairman Kennard and the Commission for your willingness to address these issues. We are hopeful that the creation of a new class of low power FM radio licensing becomes a reality during the Chairman's present term. We look forward to working on making the airwaves more accessible for our local communities.

Signed,

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"Monopolize The American Publics Air Ways i mean the Spectrum Air Space!

## PREFACE:

I am Disabled, Olga Works Two Jobs, Ed Frits The NAB and CPB are Stealing My and Olga's Right to Partake in The Radio Broadcast Business. And i want a Non-Profit 50 Watt Station.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

This is the Biggest Crime of all against the American Public by the NAB and  
 The FCC. The NAB has Monopolize the ownership of all Radio Broadcast Stations.

"Monopolize The American Publics Air Ways i mean the Spectrum, they have the  
 NAB Several Thousand Stations from 10 Thousand to 100 Thousand Watts to

Cover States rather than their Communities, this Criminal Act has kept  
 Woman, Blacks, and Minorities from owning their own True Community Radio  
 Stations NO SPECTRUM LEFT, the evidence is overwhelming.

Olga will own a LPFM Station Now or a  
 Million Dollar Station in Several years.

FCC Downgrade The Current NAB and CPB Stations, to  
 The  
 Requirements of The 1934 Radio Act, 10 to 3000 Watts to Legally Serve  
 It's  
 Community, this gives Woman, Blacks and Minorities a opportunity to  
 Compete  
 Against White Corporate America The NAB and CPB, and have a Community  
 Voice  
 The NAB and CPB should not object after all they insist they are for and  
 are Community Radio.

There are Several Thousand NAB & CPB Stations in  
 Excess

of Ten (10000) to One Hundred (100000) Thousand Watts this type of  
 Activity is  
 Discrimination and Fascism Toward Woman, Blacks and Minorities who want a

LPFM Station FCC Docket MM 99-25.

This Is The Legal Law For Radio Broadcast and Needs To Be Brought To  
 Civil  
 Rights Court, For Punitive Damage To Woman, Blacks and Minorities By The

NAB,CPB,and The FCC.

### Philosophical and Legal Foundations of Commercial

#### Radio

The basic landmark agreement between commercial radio and the people of the

United States was established in the Communications Act of 1934 and has become the unifying thread of all telecommunications laws since then. The basic agreement was actually established in the years before.

This important law established basic philosophical principles:  
The airways are public property.  
Commercial broadcasters are licensed use the airways.  
The main condition for use will be whether the broadcaster served "the public interest, convenience, and necessity."

Communications Act's Of 1927 & 1934,Which Where  
Established  
for the  
American People,All The People,not Just The Rich and  
Wealthy,Radio  
Conglomerates,The NAB,or Investment Firms.The Act's where  
created for all  
people to have an Opportunity,to Compete,on a JUST AND  
HONEST,PRINCIPAL  
FOUNDATION.The NAB Ed Fritz,Jeff Baumann,and Steve  
Bookshester have Taken  
the Communications Act's of 1927 & 1934,1996 and used it with  
Total  
Disregard  
Against 99.9 % of the Peoples Democracy.

figures can lie and liars can figure. that's the bottom line on  
the interpretation of some of those studies,Conducted by The NAB

The studies indicate there is a huge amount of

reception . existing radios that will NOT support lpfm  
and reject 2nd channel and in some cases 3rd  
channel.

which studies?

the is the huge amount purely a quantity of receivers or  
number of models studied. if the latter are there numbers to  
determine the percentage penetration of the consumer market for  
each model. is there any aging on these studies or are we  
talking about all the receivers ever made.

receivers according to the studies i've seen most of the  
that don't discriminate between the desired channel and 2nd  
or  
3rd  
often at adjacents also receive interference on 4th adjacents,  
in similar levels. those receivers shouldn't be included  
any study because they fail the current regulatory standard.

reception? which raises the question, what do you mean by lpfm  
many second and third adjacent stations are commonplace in  
those areas. are you saying that these radios don't work in  
consumer places. i'm not aware of a huge outcry from the  
would because of these existing 3rd and 2nd adjacents. why  
lower powered facilities pose a problem?

Ed Frits Your A Scam!

Your Test Will Prove to be a Scam, There is Not 28 Kind Of  
Radios In the American Publics Hand As of This date, You must of Tested  
Watch radios and 1950's Sleeve Radios. Your a Joke and a Foolish Old

Man looking to Stuff His Pockets, and You Want Supreme White  
Corporate America Power!

YES or NO NAB

Frits i will win in Court. Your NAB Stations Refuse to put  
my Wife Olga on the air even just once a Month 2 hours you know why  
she  
plays Black R&B Group Harmony Music From 1940's & 50's  
Plus she Teaches about the Groups and Music. The Red Necks The  
Country  
Bumkins are afraid they will loose Advertising Dollars to Promote Black  
Kids from 1950's.  
Discrimination Etc.

There is not 28 Radios of Kind in the Universe, Ed you must of tested  
Watch Radios, to 1950's shirt sleeve Radios You are a SCAM Ed Frits

NAB Stations Cause Huge  
Interfearence, CREATE CHAOS  
ON THE AIRWAVES. The NAB Wants LPFM FCC  
Docket MM 99-25  
to be the Fall Guy. Solve the Problem FCC give LPFM Equal Spectrum  
How????  
Go out and Limit The NAB Stations to 10 to 3000 WATTS as stated in  
the 1934  
Communications Act to Serve Only your Community, Not Several States.

TO:  
Honorable Congress:  
FCC:  
Honorable Chairman Kennard:  
Honorable Commi8ssioners:  
NAB:  
NAB Legal Team:

Frits You have a problem with two WORDS YES or NO Where is my  
Trust Fund  
Yes or No  
Your Study Said Maybe, Should, Probably and Who Knows LPFM will  
cause some  
Interfearence ?????? Frits i want a Simple Yes or No.

Frits we don't want to Fight we are Probably Old Viet Nam Buddies  
Fighting  
for Civil and Constitutional Rights.

\*\*\*\*\*PUNITIVE DAMAGE\*\*\*\*\*

LISTEN FRITS IF YOU SCREW THIS LPFM UP THREW YOUR  
LIES I WILL TAKE YOU TO

CIVIL RIGHTS COURT FOR A JURY TRIAL FOR CIVIL AND MY  
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT  
AS AN AMERICAN!  
AND I WILL WIN IN A JURY TRIAL.

Frits your more of a thief then i thought, IBOC is going to  
make  
the Consumer buy all new receivers  
where's the grounds for arguing against Ipfm on the basis of  
poor performance from some receivers "PLUS THIS IS  
HERESAY". the consumers with  
those under-engineered under-performing receivers are  
gonna  
have to buy new ones. simple

HERE WE GO AGAIN THE NAB TEST ARE HERESAY ANOTHER  
SCAM 6 Million Might  
ENCOUNTER INTERFERENCE??????????? 6 Million is a Drop in the  
Ocean If  
true. "YES or NO Frits

NAB's press release about  
its Written Comments.

NAB tests "show" that 6 million listeners might encounter interference  
from

LP-100s -- out of all the listeners in 60 markets that were examined.

6 million listeners out of HOW MANY MILLIONS in those 60 markets?  
EVEN IF  
everything the NAB claims is true (Ahem!!), this sounds like a  
localized,  
manageable problem to me!!

For Your Information: PASS FCC DOCKET MM 99-25

TO: The FCC :  
TO: Ed Frits of The NAB:

Hey Ed Your Station is way over Rated he only needs 200 watts to serve  
his  
Community not 100 Thousand Watts to serve 6 states. There SEVERAL  
STATIONS  
ACROSS UNITED STATES WITH HUGE INTERFEARENCE  
PROBLEMS DUE TO HUGE ILLEGAL  
WATTAGE OF THOUSANDS!!

Heres a Prime Example of Misuse of the  
1934 & 1996 Act's.

Ocean City Md. is 10 miles long and 3 miles wide, a 200 watt  
Transmitter with a Cicular Polarization Omni Antenna would  
Cover the Community with No problem You the FCC Licensed NAB



Froggy 99.9 FM in Ocean City Md. for 100 Thousand Watts he transmits to 6 states is this communitry radio i think not this bum is keeping me and others in 6 states from useing 99.9 FM Frequincey,you the FCC need to go around the country and knock down all these stations to 10 to 3000 watts,this is your interference problem,a good lawyer can make a case of this,DISCRIMINATION ETC.

PS FORGOT TO MENTION THE CLOSEST 99.9 FM IS CT. & GA.THIS BUM HAS EASTCOAST TIED UP:

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